

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

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1. There are three possible alert stages for the Czechoslovak Border Guard. (PS), and regulations concerning the degree of readiness of PS units have been issued to apply to each of the three stages, as follows:
  - a. In the normal stage each platoon is divided into three sections, and each section has eight hours per day on duty; eight hours standby duty and eight hours for rest. Daytime patrols consist of two men, nighttime patrols of three. Certain important points, such as road crossings and hills, are designated as important and must be checked at the hour and minute specified; these periodic checks are noted in a log book. Thus, a patrol moves from one designated point to another rather than patrolling a border sector indiscriminately.
  - b. In case information is received to indicate the presence or approach of would-be illegal border crossers, a standby alert is issued. In the standby stage all personnel within the company are put on duty until the standby alert is cancelled. In this stage control is exercised primarily by the company commander.
  - c. In case of a threatened or actual hostile attack on the Czech border, the battle alert goes into effect. This includes the mobilization of all reservists within the 15-kilometer border area and their employment by the Border Guard in the active border defense. This reservist category includes all able-bodied men up to the age of 40. With this increment of personnel, who would be issued uniforms and arms from stores recently added, each section would become a platoon and each platoon a company, with a platoon numbering 41 men and defending a sector of 250 meters. In the battle alert stage the mission of the Border Guard is to hold the border until the Army takes over. In this stage control would be exercised primarily by the battalion commander.
2. Training of reservists in the border area is always in progress. Lists of reservists are kept in each sector by the Border Guard commanders, being made

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up from lists submitted by the local civilian authorities. New lists are submitted each month to indicate changes in reserve strength in the area.

3. In order to ensure reserves of equipment of all kinds, the following measures have been put into operation within the 15-kilometer border area.

- a. All vehicles have been registered and are earmarked for specific uses.
- b. Each locality has been made responsible for the delivery of a definite quantity of fodder and straw, wooden planks of various thicknesses and lengths, gasoline, and tools such as axes, spades, and saws; these items must be ready for use.

4. When the battle alert stage has been entered the Border Guard sections must blow bridges and lay obstacles and minefields. A mobilization plan exists from which the section commanders can learn the exact points where these operations are to be carried out. A key phrase, which is passed twice a week or twice a month by special messenger from the battalion headquarters to subordinate units, is used to call a battle alert. Some key phrases which have been used are:

na straz - on guard

vpred - forward

na mistra - to positions

nastup - entered upon

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